



August 18, 2006

Dear Friends:

Please join me on **Monday, August 21st at 7:00 PM at Arlington High School** for a discussion on important issues facing K-12 education, including the *No Child Left Behind* Act. This meeting is the first in a series of education discussions I will be convening in the 4th District.

This meeting is open to the public and parents along with educators and all residents interested in public education are encouraged to attend.

WHAT: K-12 Education Town Hall Meeting with special guests:

- Dr. Meria Carstarphen, Superintendent, St. Paul Schools
- Hon. Elona Street-Stewart, Chair, St. Paul School Board
- Mary Cathryn Ricker, President, St. Paul Federation of Teachers

WHEN: Monday, August 21st, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM

WHERE: Arlington High School Library
1495 Rice St
St Paul, MN 55117

On Monday, August 14th, I was the sole Democrat attending an Education and the Workforce Committee hearing in Gainesville, Georgia, regarding the economic impact of immigration on American workers and their wages. The hearing was also attended by three Georgia Republicans, Reps. Charlie Norwood, Nathan Deal and Tom Price. All three are supporters of the punitive House immigration bill which makes undocumented immigrants felons and criminalizes the clergy, social service providers or other humanitarian workers for assisting the undocumented. I voted against the House bill and instead favor the immigration bill passed by the U.S. Senate.

The following excerpt is from the Gainesville Times' coverage of the committee hearing (Aug. 15, 2006):

McCollum said the House and Senate should be meeting in conference to iron out differences in their respective proposals. "Republicans control the White House, the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House," McCollum said. "But they refuse to fix a broken system." McCollum said the people in Georgia and Minnesota "know that our country's borders are broken." She said the Bush administration had cut funding for immigration enforcement. Norwood later agreed.
(Gainesville Times)



This week, Rep. McCollum met with management and employees at New Brighton-based Remmele Engineering. Here Rep. McCollum is with manufacturing manager Dean Krueger, manager John Lindeen and President and CEO Richard Pogue as they tour the plant. The engineering and manufacturing company operates a successful apprenticeship program and employs approximately 500 workers in the Twin Cities area.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Betty McCollum
Serving Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District

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